

road, thence east to Drowning creek, thence with said creek to the place where Richmond county line leaves said creek, thence with said Richmond county line to the South Carolina line, thence with said State line to Pee Dee river, thence with said river to the beginning; also gates on all public roads where said fence crosses said roads; and to keep said fence and gates in repair for the remainder of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and annually on the first Monday of January shall let out contracts for the keeping of the said fence and gates for the next ensuing year, and the said board of commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered and required to provide for the constructing and keeping said fence and gates by levying a sufficient tax for that purpose upon the real estate lying within the above described boundaries: *Provided*, that should that portion of Montgomery county adjacent to the county line from Pee Dee river to McGill's or Mount Carmel's church adopt the "stock fence law," then that portion of the county line is to be considered a lawful fence, also that portion of Drowning creek called for in this section, the North and South Carolina line called for, and that portion of the Pee Dee river from the South Carolina line to the Montgomery county line to be considered a lawful fence; also should that portion of Robeson county adjacent to that portion of Richmond county line between Drowning creek and the South Carolina line adopt the "stock fence law," then, in that event, that portion of the line from Drowning creek to the South Carolina line is to be considered a lawful fence.

SEC. 2. Persons cultivating crops within the boundaries comprised in section one shall not be required to keep the same enclosed by a fence.

Commissioners to let out annually contract for keeping fence and gates in repair.

Special tax.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. If any horse, cow, mule, hog or any other stock is found within said boundaries on any crop growing or matured, it shall be lawful for the owner of said crop or any person interested therein to take possession of said

Person cultivating crops within boundaries not required to keep same enclosed.

Stock on any crop liable to be taken up by owner of crop and held until double damages, &c., are paid.